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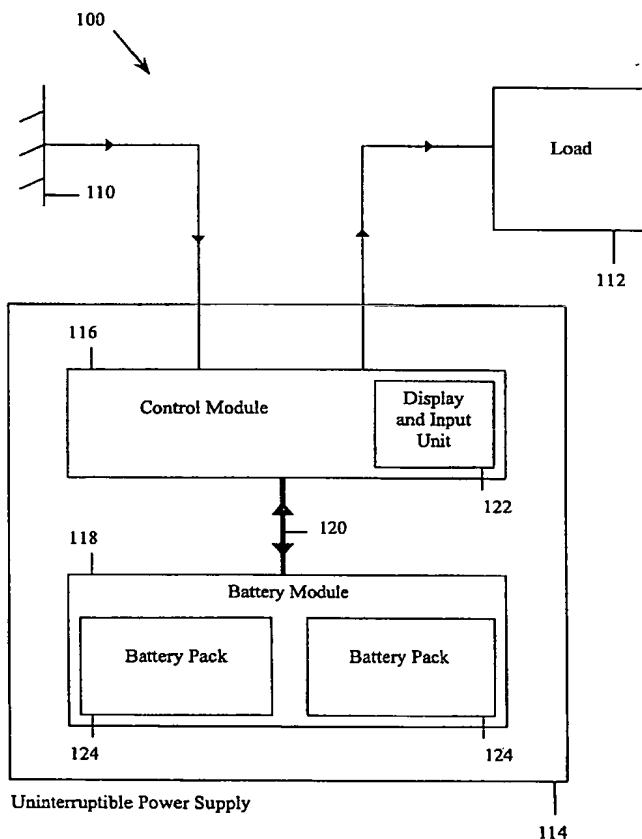
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(54) Title: UNINTERRUPTIBLE POWER SUPPLY APPARATUS AND METHOD



(57) Abstract: An uninterruptible power supply device (114) for supplying electrical energy to one of an array of loads (112) having a broad range of power requirements, the uninterruptible power supply (114) including: at least one power means (118) for providing electrical energy for the said one load (112); and control means (116), connected to the or each power means (118) and the load (112) wherein; the or each power means (118) incorporates a plurality of electrical potential energy storage units (124); and the control means (116) is arranged to connect the electrical potential energy storage units (124) according to the power required by the load (112), the same power means being employable for each one of the array of loads (112).



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UPS device comprising power means and control means; the power means incorporates a plurality of electrical energy storage means, each storage unit providing the same electrical potential energy; the control means is arranged to connect the electrical potential storage units according to the power required by the load, the same power means being employable for each one of the array of the loads.

1.2. claims: 28-29; 15-16

Provision of dual mains input for an UPS

1.3. claims: 30; 17-19

Provision of bypass capability for an UPS

2. claims: 31-33; 22-24

Provision of a rotating LCD display unit for an UPS

3. claims: 34-36; 20; 25-27

Provision of multi-format design for an UPS: modular units being configurable into rack-mount or standalone format

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